

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

versus

STEVEN AUBREY BURNETTE

CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 05-1804  
SECTION "P"

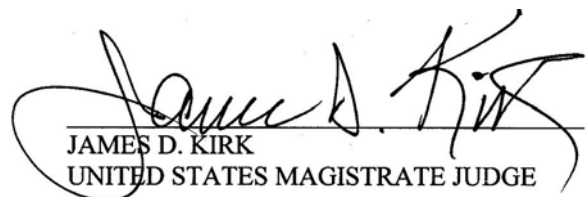
JUDGE DEE D. DRELL  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE JAMES D. KIRK

ORDER

Before the court is plaintiff, Steven Aubrey Burnette's ("Burnette"), motion entitled, "Motion for Funds to Hire a Neurological, Optomolagy [sic] and ENT Expert" (Doc. Item 107). Burnette, a pro se litigant, requests the court to appropriate funds so he may hire these expert witnesses to prove his damages at trial. In support, he relies upon 28 U.S.C. §1915 which provides in relevant part, "the same remedies shall be available as are provided for by law in other cases." However, the Fifth Circuit held "[t]he plain language of section 1915 does not provide for the appointment of expert witnesses to aid an indigent litigant." Pedraza v. Jones, 71 F.3d 194, 196 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995).

Accordingly, Burnette's motion is DENIED.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

  
JAMES D. KIRK  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE